

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 were presented for examination. Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b). Claims 1, 2, 4-7 and 10 have been amended and claims 8 and 9 have been canceled. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of all claims remaining in the application in view of the accompanying amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1, 2, 4-7 and 10 have been amended to improve form. Support for the claim amendments can be found, for example, on page 4, ¶18, and page 5, ¶19. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

35 USC §102(b) Rejection

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Spreen (US Patent No. 1,688,891).

A valid rejection for anticipation under section 102 requires that the four corners of a single prior art document describe every element of the claimed invention, either expressly or inherently, such that a person of ordinary skill in the art could practice the invention without undue experimentation. See Atlas Powder Co v. Ireco Inc., 190 F.3d 1342, 1347, 51 USPQ2d 1943, 1947 (Fed. Cir. 1999); In re. Paulsen, 30 F.3d 1475, 1478-79, 31 USPQ2d 1671, 1673 (Fed. Cir. 1994).

In the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that Spreen discloses an electric motor comprising a rotor, stator, main and auxiliary windings, an outer motor case, "and a plurality of

isolators (17, rubber, column 1, line 23, Fig. 1) positioned between the stator and outer motor case (Fig. 1) and configured inherently to enhance forces applied to a foundation" (Office Action, page 2, emphasis added). Applicant strongly disagrees with the Examiner's mischaracterization of Spreen.

Spreen discloses an electric motor employing an annular soft rubber member between the outer surface of the stator and inner surface of the motor frame "to decrease the vibration of such motor" (Col. 1, lines 3-5, Col. 1, lines 20-25). In particular, and again quoting from Spreen, "in the embodiment of my invention the stator is insulated from the motor frame, and therefore, from any motor support, by means of material effective to absorb at least a large part of the vibration of the motor, and therefore effective to eliminate at least a large part of the noise resulting from such vibration" (Col. 1, lines 38-45). This "vibration reducing" focus of Spreen is reinforced further in the preamble of each independent claim wherein it states "A vibration reducing construction for an electric motor comprising" (Col. 2, claims 1, 2 and 3, respectively).

Applicant's claimed subject matter, on the other hand, is designed to enhance, not reduce, the vibration transmitted from the motor to the foundation. For example, page 2, ¶6 in Applicant's specification states "The compliant connection allows the auxiliary windings to transmit higher forces to the foundation" (emphasis added). This capability is further reiterated in the claims as follows: "a plurality of compliant mounts positioned between the stator and outer motor case and configured to enhance forces applied to a foundation due to excitation of the auxiliary windings" (claim 1, emphasis added),

and "a plurality of compliant mounts connected to the stator and configured to enhance axial forces applied to a foundation due to excitation of the auxiliary windings" (claim 6, emphasis added). As seen from the above arguments and claim language, Spreen does not anticipate subject matter present in Applicant's claims because Spreen is directed to isolation, but Applicant's claims are oppositely directed to enhancing applied forces. The reference teaches in a direction opposite from the claimed subject matter. Therefore, the reference cannot disclose the subject matter of claims 1-7 and 10 and Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 USC §102(b) rejection of claims 1-7 and 10 be withdrawn and that these claims be allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of Applicant's arguments given in response to the 35 USC §102 (b) rejection of claims 1-10 in view of Spreen, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn. Reconsideration and allowance of all claims remaining in the instant application is earnestly requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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